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Sentencing Tuesday for 2008 crash involving drugged driver fleeing police

A Riverhead man convicted in May of aggravated vehicular homicide, manslaughter second degree, and driving while ability impaired by drugs (cocaine) will be sentenced Tuesday (7-20) in Suffolk County court in Riverhead.

On May 8, 2008, John Licausi of 525 Riverleigh Avenue ran a red light while fleeing police. At the intersection of Horseblock Road and Old Medford Avenue, Licausi's sport utility vehicle hit a 1995 Toyota Camry, killing the driver, 46 year old Scott Foster of Manorville.

Licausi, 50, was also convicted of unlawfully fleeing a police officer in the first degree, reckless driving, three counts of failure to stop at a stop sign, two charges of failing to stop at a stop light and one count of speeding.

Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said prosecutors will recommend the maximum imprisonment of 12 and one-half to 25 years. Licausi was convicted on June 4 following a three week trial.

Judge James Hudson (second floor of the courthouse) will call the calendar at 9:30 am.



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Defendants are entitled to a fair trial with the burden on the government to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.